

# 2024–2025 Pittsburgh Opera

## Student Matinee



Enveloped in Puccini's beloved music, this visually beautiful, groundbreaking new production created by an all-Japanese and Japanese-American creative team is a reinvention of *Madama Butterfly*, uncovering new and resonant meaning.

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Bring your students to a complete mainstage performance of Puccini's classic opera with full orchestra, top-quality singers, and colorful production elements. *Madama Butterfly* provides rich learning opportunities about the music, the history, and the Japanese culture.

**Sung in Italian with English texts projected above the stage.**

- Who:** Suggested for grades 3–12
- Where:** Benedum Center  
7th St, Pittsburgh, PA 15222
- When:** **Thursday, March 27, 2025**  
10:15 am–1:00 pm
- Tickets:** Only \$14 for students and adults.

## *Madama Butterfly*

Music by Giacomo Puccini  
Libretto by Luigi Illica and Giuseppe Giacosa

*Madama Butterfly's* story is transported to a fantastical realm where reality and dreams intersect. Pinkerton puts on a VR headset and transports us into a vibrant virtual reality playground where he has ultimate control. As his avatar, a U.S. Navy Lieutenant, he can seduce and marry his fantasy girl and abandon her just as easily. But to Cio-Cio-San, this is no game and the love and betrayal she feels is all too real.

### Workshop for Educators

At least one teacher from each school must participate in the Workshop for Educators before tickets are issued.

**The Workshop is offered via Zoom on Saturday, February 22, 2025 from 10:30 am–12:00 pm.**

The workshop is recorded so that participants can attend live or at a later time.

**Fee:** Free for teachers from schools that book 50 seats, otherwise \$100 per teacher.

### **Workshop materials:**

- ***Madama Butterfly* Study Guide** and **PowerPoints** are emailed before the workshop.
- During the workshop, the opera's story and context, a **Resident Artist presentation and chat**, and matinee logistics are provided.
- Additional materials emailed after the workshop include **lesson ideas and an extensive Arts Discovery Packet**—filled with activities to create learning opportunities around the opera, and to address Academic Standards in all content areas.

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